Destruction of official documents in Rajgarh-Sehore Regional Rural Bank

2761. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that official documents were destroyed intentionally in the Ghogat Pur branch of Rajgarh-Sehore Regional Grameen Bank by some employees of the Bank to cover up an embezzlement/misappropriation of funds; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) and (b) NABARD has reported that two staff members of Ghogat Pur branch of Rajgarh-Sehore Grameen Bank have embezzled funds of the bank by manipulating the books of accounts and tried to conceal the embezzlement by destroying records and a part of the bank premises. NABARD has also reported that three employees have been suspended and Disciplinary action has been initiated as per rules by the bank. The bank has also registered a police case against them and case is in progress in Rajgarh and Jeerapur Court.

Reduction in customs duty on tyres

†2762. SHRI NANDIYELLAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industries has requested Government to include tyres in the list of 'Essential Commodities' taking it out of 'Luxury List' and to give relaxation in customs duty on tyres;

(b) whether the said Chamber has also requested Government to reduce existing customs duty on tyre, tube and flex from 32 per cent to 16 percent; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction on the said requests of the Chamber?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.